

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an apparatus for detecting a human face from an input image, candidate areas for an eye and candidate areas for an interval between eyes are detected from the image, an area of the interval between eyes is determined from the positional relationship between the candidate areas for an eye and candidate area for an interval between eyes, and a face area is determined so that the face area includes the area of the interval between eyes.

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